

WTVA TV
Tupelo, MS
January 2008 – March 2008

1. **1. Race Relations**

Focus with Terry Smith

This is the 21st MLK Jr. event in Tupelo. It will be held on Jan 18th-21st with different events. Tupelo has worked on race relations for years with George McLean, Jack Reed Sr., and Robert Jamison. Mr. Jamison, with the committee for the King, shares some of those efforts. The younger generation may do even more.

Air Date: 1/12/09

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

2. Fire Safety

Focus with Terry Smith

Wintertime is the number one time of year for house fires. Cathy Gault with the Tupelo Fire Department wants to educate people on the correct ways to put out small fires. She also stressed the importance of having a fire escape plan. She also stresses the need to have working smoke detectors.

Air Date: 1/19/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

3. Death

Focus with Terry Smith

The Compassionate Friends group works with families who have lost loved ones. Each of the three guests (Dave Jenson, Kristie Bennett, and Jamie Seals) have all lost a child. The organization holds candlelight services in December. The group is an international organizations and allows people to talk to others who have been the death a child.

Air Date: 1/26/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

4. Fundraising

Focus with Terry Smith

Project of Hope is a nonprofit organization that helps raise money to help patient funds and help them with certain expenses. The group is planning a fundraiser where they hope to raise money and recognize survivors of various diseases.

Air Date: 2/02/08
Duration: 30 minutes
Time: 5pm

Focus with Terry Smith

The Regional Rehab Center is a nonprofit organization that provides free therapy to people 25 counties in Mississippi. They are looking to raise \$2 million to renovate. It's been a five year effort to raise the money.

Air Date: 2/23/08
Duration: 30 minutes
Time: 5pm

5. Arts

Focus with Terry Smith

Stephen Byess is part of the Tupelo Symphony Orchestra. He conducts and travels abroad. He wants to help people understand more about the background of classical music selections. Tupelo is one of the smallest cities to have a symphony.

Air Date: 2/16/08
Duration: 30 minutes
Time: 5pm

6. Health

Focus with Terry Smith

The number of people with colon cancer is decreasing. But, more education is still needed. Colonoscopies are more common and simpler now than in previous years. Medicaid now covers the procedure. Dr. Ernest Williams, Gastroenterologist, encourages people to have a colonoscopy at the age of forty.

Air Date: 3/1/08
Duration: 30 minutes
Time: 5pm

Organ Donations

Focus with Terry Smith

The number of people who are able to donate organs is low. More than 100,000 people in the U.S. are on a transplant list, but could die before receiving an organ. In Mississippi, almost 1,000 people are on the list for a kidney which is the highest number in the U.S.

Air Date: 3/8/08
Duration: 30 minutes
Time: 5pm

Respiratory Care

Focus with Terry Smith

Hospital Respiratory Manager, Kathy Haynes, talks about asthma and the effect on kids. Camp Breath Ezzzy is a camp for young kids with asthma. They can go and enjoy camping under medical supervision. Scholarships are available.

Air Date: 3/29/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

7. Government

Legislative Session

Focus with Terry Smith

Representative Brian Aldridge says we have a financial situation with a threatening recession and budget cutbacks. Revenues are lower than predicted. Both Aldridge and Senator Eric Powell say there could be a tax cut next year and an increase on cigarettes. They also talk about a pay raise for teachers.

Air Date: 3/15/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm

8. Education

Focus with Terry Smith

The International Fiesta at Mississippi State University to help students learn more about international students. It's sponsored by the World Neighbors Association located in Starkville. Seventy-five countries are represented. Students from each of the 75 schools attend MSU.

Air Date: 3/22/08

Duration: 30 minutes

Time: 5pm